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PARAMETERS OF AN UNDERGROUND RESERVOIR FROM ROCK

CUTTINGS TAKEN THEREFROM

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 AND 37 CFR § 1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on **French** Patent Application No. **03/03.742** filed **March 26, 2003**.

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